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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 584

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL NUTRITION."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) There is established a task  
4 force for the purpose of developing a nutrition policy for all schools in  
5 the state in an effort to assist in the reduction and prevention of obesity  
6 and non-insulin-using diabetes in children. The task force shall consist  
7 of the following members: (1) The Commissioner of Public Health or  
8 the commissioner's designee; (2) the Commissioner of Education or the  
9 commissioner's designee; (3) a representative of the Department of  
10 Education who is proficient in the United States Department of  
11 Agriculture guidelines for school nutrition programs to be appointed  
12 by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (4) a representative of a  
13 parent-teacher association or a parent-teacher organization to be  
14 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (5) a  
15 representative of the Connecticut Dietetic Association to be appointed  
16 by the majority leader of the Senate; (6) a representative of the

17 Connecticut School Food Service Association to be appointed by the  
18 majority leader of the House of Representatives; (7) a representative of  
19 the farming community to be appointed by the minority leader of the  
20 Senate; (8) a representative of school nurses to be appointed by the  
21 minority leader of the House of Representatives; (9) a physical  
22 education teacher to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
23 Senate; (10) a representative of an anti-hunger organization to be  
24 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (11) a  
25 representative working with an obesity project affiliated with a local  
26 board of education to be appointed by the majority leader of the  
27 Senate; (12) a representative of family and consumer sciences to be  
28 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; (13)  
29 a representative of health educators to be appointed by the minority  
30 leader of the Senate; (14) a representative of the Connecticut  
31 Association of Boards of Education to be appointed by the minority  
32 leader of the House of Representatives; and (15) a representative of the  
33 Connecticut Academy of Pediatrics to be appointed by the president  
34 pro tempore of the Senate.

35 (b) Issues the task force may investigate for purposes of establishing  
36 a nutrition policy include:

37 (1) The role that both physical activity and good nutrition in schools  
38 has in preventing child obesity;

39 (2) Requirements for the sale of food on school grounds that  
40 include:

41 (A) The provision that food be sold as a full meal at both breakfast  
42 and lunch periods;

43 (B) The sale of fruit, nonfried vegetables, legumes, beverages, dairy  
44 products or grain products as individual food items, provided: (i) Not  
45 more than thirty-five per cent of the total calories are from fat, except  
46 for nuts and seeds; (ii) not more than ten per cent of the total calories  
47 are from saturated fat; (iii) not more than thirty-five per cent of the  
48 total weight is composed of sugar, except for fruit and vegetables; (iv)

49 only water, milk and one hundred per cent fruit juice to be sold to  
50 students at an elementary school; (v) at middle schools and high  
51 schools, vending machines that contain beverage items that do not  
52 meet the requirements of this section remain locked or rendered  
53 inoperable thirty minutes prior to the start of any meal service until  
54 thirty minutes after the end of any meal service; (vi) both elementary  
55 schools and middle schools give preference to foods and beverages  
56 that contain a higher level of calcium than products of the same type  
57 and quality and are equal to or lower in price than the products of  
58 similar type and quality; and (vii) fruit and nonfried vegetables are  
59 offered for sale at a lower price at any location where food is sold. The  
60 sale of food items that do not comply with subparagraph (6) may only  
61 take place one-half hour before the start of the school day or one-half  
62 hour after the last meal is served, unless there is a school sanctioned  
63 fundraiser that takes place no more than twice in the school year;

64 (3) Fundraisers that promote good health habits;

65 (4) Methods to increase the availability of fresh fruits and  
66 vegetables;

67 (5) Encouragement of eligible students and school districts to  
68 participate in the school lunch program, the school breakfast program  
69 and the after-school snack program;

70 (6) Support and aid in the development of a regular coordinated,  
71 comprehensive and consistent training program for school food service  
72 staff;

73 (7) The benefits of extended meal periods;

74 (8) Collaboration of ideas from all appropriate agencies involved  
75 with child nutrition in an attempt to develop a state-wide nutrition  
76 curriculum for grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, with emphasis  
77 on healthy food choices, health-related issues with food choices,  
78 physical education and local food production; and

79 (9) Advantages of including milk vending machines and healthier  
80 snack vending machines in schools.

81 (C) On or before October 1, 2004, said task force shall report its  
82 findings and recommendations, in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
83 general statutes to the joint standing committees of the General  
84 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and  
85 education.

86 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) The Department of Education, in  
87 consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall establish a  
88 school nutrition pilot program in (1) an urban, (2) a suburban, and (3) a  
89 rural school district. At least one school district in the pilot program  
90 shall have a self-operating school food service program.

91 (b) Said pilot program shall be in effect for the 2003-2004 school year  
92 and comply with the following requirements:

93 (1) No beverage other than any of the following shall be sold to  
94 students from one-half hour before the start of the school day until  
95 one-half hour after the end of the school day:

96 (A) One hundred per cent fruit juices;

97 (B) Drinking water; or

98 (C) Milk, including, but not limited to, chocolate milk, soy milk, rice  
99 milk and other similar dairy or nondairy milk, recognizing that dairy  
100 milk is acceptable.

101 (2) No carbonated beverage shall be sold to students from one-half  
102 hour before the start of the school day until one-half hour after the end  
103 of the school day.

104 (3) No beverage that exceeds twelve ounces per serving shall be sold  
105 to students from one-half hour before the start of the school day until  
106 one-half hour after the end of the school day.

107 (4) Fruit and nonfried vegetables shall be offered for sale, at a lower  
108 price, at any location where food is sold.

109 (c) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
110 Commissioner of Public Health, shall report, in accordance with  
111 section 11-4a of the general statutes, a summary of findings of said  
112 pilot program to the joint standing committees of the General  
113 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and  
114 education by October 1, 2004."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>